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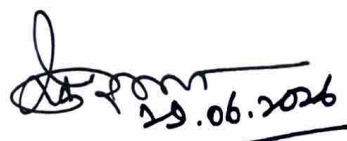
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Sub: Implementation of Risk-Based Selective Boarding of Vessels at Kakinada Custom House and Krishnapatnam Custom House under Vijayawada Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate – Reg.

1. Attention of the members of Trade and Industry, Shipping Lines/Agents, Steamer Agents, Port Terminal Operators, Port Authorities, Custodians and all other stakeholders operating at Kakinada Custom House and Krishnapatnam Custom House is invited to the provisions of Section 37 of the Customs Act, 1962 and the Imported Stores (Retention on Board) Regulations, 1963. Attention is also invited to CBIC Circular No. 26/2026-Customs dated 15.05.2026 regarding the standardization of procedures relating to the grant of Entry Inward and Vessel Sail Out Clearance.
2. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has observed that varying practices across ports linking administrative clearances with the physical boarding of vessels by Customs officers cause avoidable bottlenecks and operational delays in the commencement and completion of cargo operations.
3. Consequently, it has been decided that the physical boarding of vessels by Customs officers at Kakinada Custom House and Krishnapatnam Custom House shall be carried out based on advance risk profiling. This targeted assessment, utilizing suitable risk-based parameters, will minimize physical boarding of arriving vessels. The assessment shall be based on past compliance records, operational behaviour, the nature of the voyage, the last port of call, the vessel's current itinerary, the nature of the cargo being transported, declarations made by the Shipping Line or Master of the Vessel, intelligence inputs and other relevant risk parameters.
4. The Terminal Operators shall email, every Monday, the list of vessels expected to berth during the coming week to the Superintendent (Preventive-Admin). The Superintendent (Preventive-Admin) shall undertake advance risk assessment based on the prescribed risk parameters, available intelligence and the mandatory documents

submitted in advance by the Shipping Lines, and prepare the list of vessels to be boarded. Physical boarding shall be undertaken only where considered necessary on the basis of such assessment.

5. The Superintendent (Preventive-Admin) at Kakinada Custom House and Krishnapatnam Custom House shall submit a weekly report to the jurisdictional Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Preventive) every Monday indicating the total number of vessels physically boarded during the previous week along with the specific risk-based justification for each inspection.
6. For vessels that are not selected for physical boarding under the risk-based screening mechanism, the Master of the Vessel and the appointed Shipping Agent shall ensure full compliance with Section 37 of the Customs Act, 1962 and the Imported Stores (Retention on Board) Regulations, 1963. Administrative clearances shall be based on advance electronic data and the Master and Agent shall remain responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all declarations.
7. The Master shall remain accountable for safeguarding all declared onboard stores and ensuring that no restricted, high-duty or unmanifested goods are illegally unladen or consumed while the vessel remains within Indian territorial waters.
8. The Agent shall ensure that any logistical updates, itinerary changes or documentation amendments are communicated immediately to the Boarding Officer.
9. It is reiterated that cargo discharge shall proceed unhindered immediately upon the grant of Entry Inward and sailing operations shall be as per the advance Port Clearance order.
10. Any difficulties faced in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the jurisdictional Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Preventive).



25.06.2026

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To

1. All Stakeholders
2. The Supdt. (EDI) for uploading in the Customs House Website.
3. Notice Board